

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/617,981

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Response filed 10/28/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Prelim./Amdt.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the Amendment filed 10/28/2004.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-20 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With regard to independent claims 1, the prior art of record fails to disclose the claimed flashlight illuminator, configured as claimed, wherein a light collecting and magnifying barrel attached at a first end to said one end of said body and encasing said LED; said barrel carrying at a second end a lens forming a cavity between said lens and said LED; a reflector within said cavity engaged about an inner surface of said barrel and extending between said LED and said lens. Further, the prior art of record does not teach the claimed condensed concentrated beam having a diameter of between 2 and 120 inches at a distance of up to 150 feet.

With regard to independent claim 15, the prior art of record does not disclose the claimed flashlight illuminator, configured as claimed, wherein a light collecting and magnifying barrel attached at a first end to said one end of said body; said barrel carrying at a second end a plano-convex lens forming a cavity within said barrel between said lens and said LED with said convex side of said lens being outward of said cavity, said lens having a focal length of between .5 and 1.5 inches; a reflector within said cavity covering an inner surface of said barrel and extending between said LED and said lens.

With regard to claim 16, the prior art of record does not teach the claimed adapter for a flashlight, configured as claimed, wherein a tubular housing having an inner surface and carrying

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at one end a magnifying lens and at a second end a raised ring extending inwardly from said inner surface and a securing portion, said ring and said lens defining a focal length; a reflective surface arranged between said magnifying lens and said ring, said reflective surface covering said inner surface of said housing over said focal length; said securing portion being formed outwardly of said raised ring at said second end.

Claims 2-14 and 17-20 depend from claims 1 and 16. Therefore, claims 1-20 are patentable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

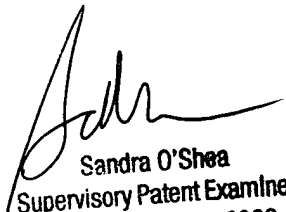
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Guiyoung Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-2374. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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